

# FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET (Revised Nov. 2006)

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TITLE OF BILL: School Safety Amendments

This Bill Takes Effect: ☐ On Passage ☐ On July 1 ☒ 60 Days after session ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Carries Own Appropriation: ☐

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

### A. Revenue Impact by Source of Funds:

First Year

Second Year

	First Year	Second Year
1. General Fund		
2. Unifrom School Fund - Free Revenue		
3. Transportation Fund		
4. Collections		
5. Other Funds (List Below)		
6 Local Funds		
7. TOTAL	\$0	\$0

### B. Expenditure Impact by Source of Funds:

1. General Funds		
2. Unifrom School Fund - Free Revenue		
3. Transportation Fund		
4. Collections		
5. Other Funds (List Below)		
6 Local Funds		
7. TOTAL	\$0	\$0

### C. Expenditure Impact Summary:

1. Salaries, Wages and Benefits		
2. Travel		
3. Current Expenses		
4. Capital Outlay		
5. Other (Specify)		
6. TOTAL	\$0	\$0

### D. Impact in Future Years?

*If no fiscal impact in first two years, indicate if there will be any impact in future years, and explain. Also, indicate any significant changes in fiscal impact beyond the first two years.(Use back side, if necessary.)*

None.

**E. Identify Sections of the Bill That Will Generate the Additional Workload or Cost Increase**

None.

**F. Expenditure Impact Details (Ties to totals in Section C)**

The fundamental assumption of this note is that the current process of school reporting on incidents of violation of safe school policy, with a little modification, is adequate to address the intent of this legislation to the extent that it asks for data within the bounds of school competence, since [a] the existing Incident Reporting Form (appended) already recognizes "threat/intimidation" as an offense, and [b] schools already understand the language of current law -- "...threat to the welfare, safety or morals of the student..." [53A-11-904(1)(c)] -- as authorizing them to respond to perpetrators of harassment and intimidation with suspension and expulsion. See the appended Commentary for an analysis of the bill based on a review by several districts at the January 25 meeting of the USOE Data Warehouse Group. The consensus was that [1] it is already difficult to obtain reliable data on the elements currently requested [2] this bill provides no incentive for compliance in terms of adding informational value to the data on incidents that districts already use for program improvement and legal purposes and [3] if mandated additional information is of no value locally, it is certain to be of questionable reliability when submitted to the state and thus practically useless for drawing accurate inferences about the nature and location of problems.

**G. No Fiscal Impact or Will Not Require Additional Appropriations?**

*Specify why this bill will have no fiscal impact on your agency or institution.*

*Specify how you will reallocate workloads, resources, or funding sources to eliminate need for additional appropriations. (USE ATTACHMENTS IF NECESSARY.)*

The USOE can handle its administrative and reporting requirements under this bill within the normal course of its business through its existing Safe Schools specialist (Verne Larsen).

**H. If Bill Carries It's Own Appropriation:**

*Indicate if the amount appropriated is adequate to meet the purposes of the bill.*

*Are there future additional costs anticipated beyond the appropriation in the bill?*

None.

**I. Impact on Local Governments, Businesses, Associations, and Individuals**

Local School Districts/Charter Schools : A district specialist observes that "the amended language on reporting looks onerous. . . . It would appear that the school will spend more time dealing with the paperwork relative to harassment and less time working with the students involved." The USOE Safe School Specialist agrees. The implication is that, while no more money may be required, resources will shift (ironically) from direct services to victims of violations of safe schools policy to administrative tasks associated with safe schools policy. In short, this bill increases the regulatory burden, without any corresponding benefit to schools or victims.

Businesses and Associations : None

Individuals : None

Narrative Description of Bill : This bill [1] specifically defines and adds harassment or intimidation to the list of grounds for suspension or expulsion from a public school; [2] requires school districts and charter schools to annually report incidents of harassment or intimidation to the State School Board; [3] requires the State School Board to annually report a summary of incidents of harassment or intimidation to the Education Interim Committee.